

Substance of Interview with Examiner

A telephone interview with the Examiner was conducted on 16 March 2010. The rejection of claim 1 as being obvious over Fisher (US 6,931,018) in view of Gleeson (US 6,673,023) was discussed. Applicants presented arguments for the patentability of claim 1 over the applied references. In addition, amendments for overcoming the rejection of claim 1 were discussed. No agreement with respect to the claims was reached. The Examiner suggested amending claim 1 to include the subject matter of claim 14 as well as the limitation from claim 17 of “stopping generation of the table before MAC addresses of at least some devices operably coupled through the first ingress/egress port are associated with the first ingress/egress port in the table” along with any associated details from the specification.